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TELEPHONE CALLS, Friday, March 6, 1959 *MC 70*

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come by Maj.  
- E 6:50 + 7:00*
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- NFS reported  
to H*
- 12:35 - Amb. Cabot Lodge telephoned. Said he had just seen President who wanted him to give CAH a message. Coming over at 2:00.
- 12:40 - Secy Dulles telephoned (see attached).
- 12:55 - Telephoned Ann Whitman and asked that she tell President about CAH's discussion with JFD on Camp David.
- 1:30 - Adm. Strauss telephoned. Said they had a vacancy as Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Affairs and said a fellow named Gibbons had been suggested. Strauss said he was from Massachusetts and had been Speaker when CAH was Governor. CAH said he knew him well; that he was originally from Tennessee; CAH said he liked him but Gibbons didn't know a thing about international affairs. Strauss said he had that impression and asked what CAH thought of his intellect? CAH said it was good and he thought he would run a good shop. (2) CAH said he had signed that paper at Cabinet only after a good deal of weeping and wailing. Strauss said he didn't think he would be drug thru the streets as a result.
- 2:00 - Telephoned General Goodpaster to say that on this question of the draft reply to the Soviet note, CAH has been going over it with L. Merchant who has made a very good suggestion, i.e. to ~~take~~ that whole last paragraph with the cautionary note and put it as paragraph 3. Then we would end up on the affirmative line which makes a much better note. CAH said the President suggested showing this to Macmillan and not forwarding it on to French and Germans. However, CAH said with Macmillan seeing the French and Germans before he comes here, if Macmillan gave them any indication he had something they didn't we would be in troubles. CAH said, therefore, we would like to send them (French and Germans) reply as a draft document as well as sending to the British. Goodpaster said he would check both these with the President and advise CAH.
- 3:25 - Telephoned Walter Robertson to decline dinner on March 23.
- 3:40 - Cong. Colmer of Miss telephoned. Said he has introduced a Formosa-type resolution on Berlin which Colmer thought would have a very salutary effect. Colmer said he had talked informally with Fulbright but hadn't bothered CAH with it until now. Now Tom Morgan has asked for a report from State. After some discussion of what his ~~KKK~~ resolution, CAH said he hoped Colmer would understand if he did not give an off-the-cuff opinion. CAH said however, he would personally carefully consider Colmer's resolution. Colmer asked if he would hear further from CAH, and CAH said he would send a letter to Colmer after studying the resolution. Colmer said he doesn't care about the wording or the authorship, but he is personally convinced this should be done; Colmer said if some such action isn't taken we might get something adverse from over among the "prima donnas".



6:50 - Telephoned Major Eisenhower and said when he had called back before the 5 o'clock mtg at the W.H. to say the President had approved the rearrangement. It had been understood that he had approved the two questions. On that basis and in completely good faith, Merchant had shown the text to the French Ambassador and had given him a copy of it and, having done that, it would be very awkward not to give it to the British and Germans. Major E. asked if we thought it should be released this evening, and CAG said no, but it should be given to them equally. Maj. E. said it was his fault; the President had mentioned the two things to him and he had dropped the ball. CAG said we are just giving it to the Ambassadors for their information; then Macmillan, Adenauer and de Gaulle would have it equally when they are talking together. CAG would explain to Caccia tomorrow when he sees him just who is getting copies. Maj. E. said he would talk to the President and call back.

*see below*

7:00 - Major Eisenhower telephoned and said he had just come from a "rather painful session" with the President, and the President said to go ahead and release it; however, he is concerned over it. Maj. E. said a message had been brought to him in the 5 o'clock mtg saying that our Secretariat was confused as to the status and he had failed to go out and telephone.

*Action completed*

